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SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH

SARDIS CHURCH,

SCOTT COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,

September 20, 21, 22, 1902.

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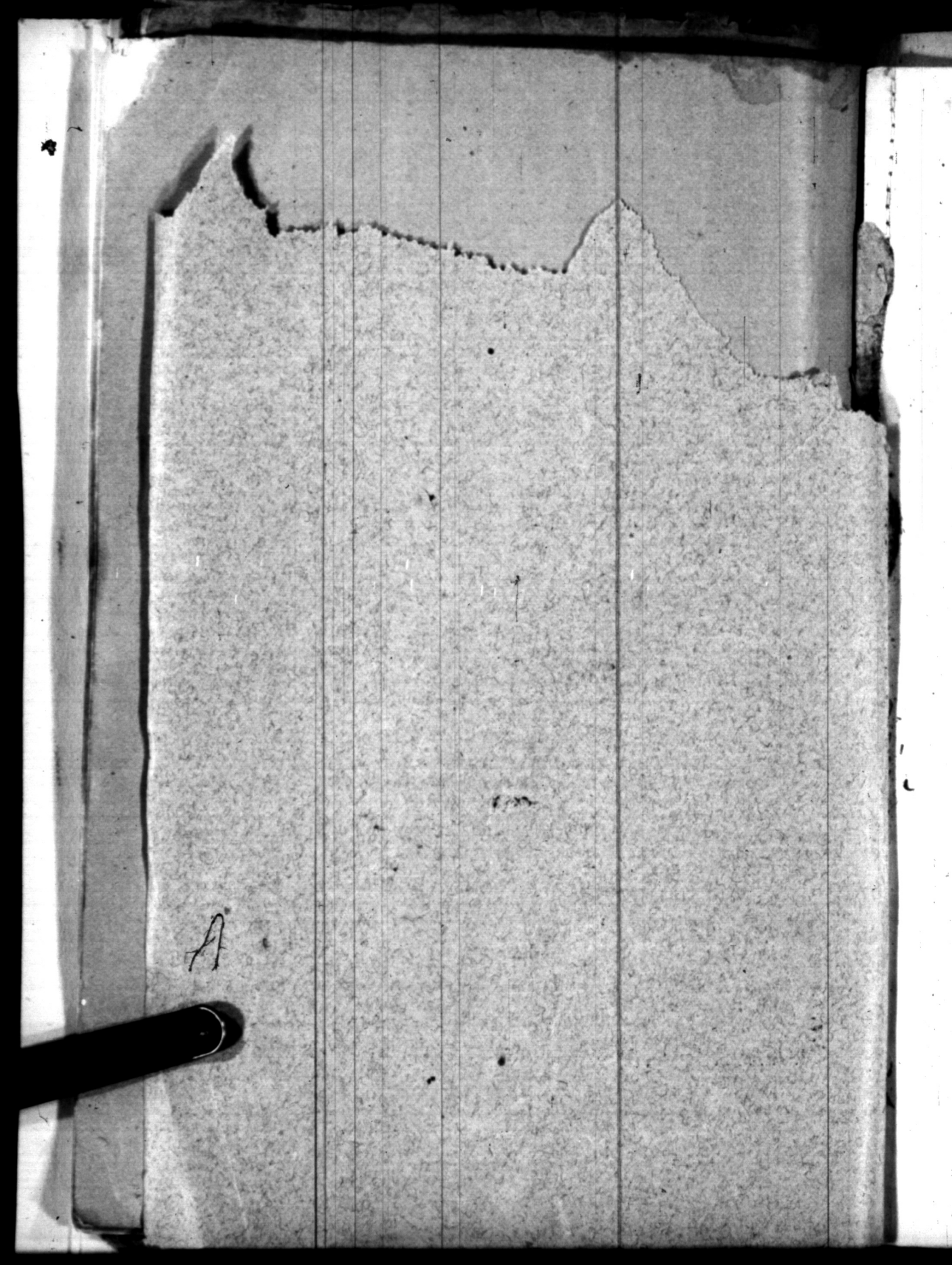

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STATE OF RELIGION
AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CHURCHES.

Again in session as an Association; again dear brethren, we address you in a few lines of brotherly greeting. According to adjournment last year, we meet this time with Sardis church, Scott county.

Our reception has been cordial, and treatment generous and kind; and the attendance very large; nearly all the churches were represented; and all in peace. Likely more baptisms reported than for several years past. One small church has been dissolved. One asks for a letter of dismission. It is understood that about all the churches have had preaching. One brother has been ordained to the full work of the ministry, W. B. Hammond of Pine Bluff church. While we rejoice at this progress, we are called to mourn the loss of our esteemed and and able brothers, J. M. Moore, and T. M. Gould, called away by death. The preaching has been considered able, instructive and sound. As we notice the facts before us, we have reason to be thankful for the evidences of the progress of our dear Association

We think our ministers and members are ready to say, and act it out:

"I love thy Kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The church the Great Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood."

Contemplating the evidences of God's mercy to us, we give him thanks and take courage; assured that his promises to his people are yea and amen. It is well for us to remember the language of the apostle to the Corinthians. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the works of the Lord; for in as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. Brethren dare to be true to the cause of our divine Master. Don't forget your pastors, remembering that the laborer is worthy of his hire. Beware of an unconverted membership. That is likely now our greatest danger. Other or-

ders are thus building up; and we are in danger of taking the same course that we may hold our hand with them. "Prepare thy work without and make it fit for thyself in the field, and after wards build thy house." So said Solomon. And this was observed in building the Temple. Let us so build in our churches.

Pray for one another. May God bless our beloved Association and her work.

Submitted.

N. L. Clarke, Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS
OF
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association
IN ANNUAL SESSION FOR 1902.

SATURDAY—11 o'clock.

SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH,
Scott County, Miss., Sept., 20, 1902.

At the appointed hour Elder N. L. Clarke, the regular appointee, preached the introdutory sermon. After reading the 3rd chapter of the book of Titus, he gave a short but interesting history of the Association.

Theme—That they may be sound in the faith and careful to maintain good works.

The sermon was instructive and comforting, and seemed to be well received by a large and attentive congregation.

After services an hour was spent in partaking of refreshments, which were served on the ground, furnished by the church and community.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

After singing an appropriate song prayer was offered, led by Elder W. P. Vaughn. The association was then convened by elder N. L. Clarke, the Moderator, and declared ready for business in her sixty fifth annual session. The following committees were then appointed by the Moderator:

To Read Letters—W. B. Sansing, G. P. Clarke, A. G. Graham.

Finance—J. M. Lyles, J. K. Jordan, J. L. James.

Letters from the churches were then called for, read and delegates' names enrolled.

The following named churches were then dropped from the roll; having dissolved or for lack of a hearing from them for several years: Bethel, Neshoba county, Beulah, Scott county, Oakridge, Newton county, and Golden Grove, (choctaw) Neshoba county.

Elder W. P. Vaughn was appointed, and preached to the people at the stand.

Officers for the ensuing year were then elected.

On motion, agreed to re-elect officers by acclamation.

Elder N. L. Clarke re-elected Moderator.

Jas. E. Chapman re-elected Clerk.
J. E. Graham re-elected Treasurer.
All of whom gratefully accepted.
Visiting ministers were enquired for—None
Called for correspondence from sister Associations—None responding.

The following committees were then appointed by the Moderator:

Preaching—Pastor and deacons of Sardis church, Wm. Graham, A. J. Small and H. O. Horne.

State of Religion, and Fraternal correspondence with the Churches—J. E. Chapman, B. W. Rainer, W. P. Vaughn, C. C. Bradley, J. M. Cooper, R. L. Simmons and Joe Rushing. On motion the Moderator was added and made chairman.

Missions—W. B. Sansing, E. M. Nelson, W. L. Collins, W. J. Bruner and D. M. Stroud.

Temperance—J. W. Arnold, T. L. Gaines, G. P. Clarke, J. A. Brown and J. T. Gordy

Sunday Schools—F. M. Breland, Joe Rushing, A. G. Graham, N. A. Edmonds, and J. O. White.

Queries and Requests—Jas. E. Chapman, J. L. Harrison, J. K. Joradn, J. M. Lyles, and A. J. Small.

Publication—J. E. Graham, R. B. Lay, Luther James, J. P. Smith and Wm. Graham.

Nominations—R. L. Simmons, W. T. Cooper, W. N. Covington, I. M. Nichols, James Prestridge and H. Bruce.

Education—A. G. Graham, H. Bruce, W. F. Mann, W. J. Bruner and J. W. Arnold.

Orphanage—Geo. Clarke, E. W. Breland and H. O. Horne.

Obituaries.—R. K. Cleveland, W. B. Sansing and J. W. Arnold.

The committee on preaching made the following report:

On Sunday at 11 o'clock J. E. Chapman to preach at the stand and R. K. Cleveland in the house. W. B. Sansing to conduct prayer-meeting at the stand and T. J. Rhodes at the house at 10 o'clock. J. W. Arnold to preach at the stand, and W. J. Collins in the house in the afternoon.

By motion a collection was ordered taken up at the close of the morning services.

The Association then adjourned in order, agreeing to meet again Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

A large and orderly congregation began to assemble early in the morning, and at 10 o'clock the prayer meeting exercises were engaged in.

Elder W. B. Sansing led the prayer-meeting at the stand, and Elder T. J. Rhodes at the house. Both were spiritual and comforting to God's children. At 11 o'clock Jas. E. Chapman preached the annual sermon on Missions. Text, John 20:21. "As my Father hath sent, me even so send I you." Theme—Christ and his mission. The Church and her mission.

The sermon seemed to be well received by most of the large audience, and we hope some good will come of it.

A collection was taken up for missions, amounting to $40.50.

Refreshments were served, and were first-class, both in quality and quantity.

In the afternoon Elder T. J. Moore, from Harmony Association, preached, to the comfort and satisfaction of a large congregation. Text: Hebrews, 6:18-19. Theme—"Consolation of the Christian's hope." The sermon was well timed and spiritual, and at its close many gave their hands for prayer. From the above it will be seen that report of the committee on preaching for Sunday was changed. We trust that much good will come of this day's services.

MONDAY MORNING.

At 8:30 o'clock the Association was re-convened, according to adjournment on Saturday.

After suitable song service, prayer was offered by Elder W. J. Bruner.

The roll was called and absentees excused. Renewed call for letters from churches not represented on Saturday. None presented. By direction of the Moderator, the Clerk read the Rules of Decorum of the Association.

Renewed the call for correspondence from sister Associations.

Elder T. J. Moore and Brethren J. A. Thomas and W. O. Owens were received from the Harmony Association, and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

On motion, agreed to send corresponding messengers to the following Associations:

Harmony.
Salem—W. B. Sansing, Jas. E. Chapman.
New Liberty—D. M. Stroud, T. J. Rhodes.
Pearl Valley—F. M. Breland, J. A. Grafton.

Oktibeha—W. B. Sansing, T. J. Rhodes.
Choctaw.
Hopewell—D. M. Stroud, Joe Rushing.

The messengers were instructed to write their own letters, and sign the moderator's and clerk's names thereto.

The following named brethren were selected as messengers to the General Association of Mississippi:

Thomas Keith, D. T. Chapman, W. D. Still, A. W. W. Grafton, W. P. Vaughn, H. O. White, D. M. Stroud, W. B. Sansing, B. W. Rainer, N. L. Clarke, T. J. Rhodes, J. W. Arnold, W. H. Willis, H. Bruce, N. A. Edmonds, Jas. E. Chapman, R. L. White, Joe Rushing, Wm. Yarbrough, J. E. Graham, J. K. Jordan, Wm. Graham, T. L. Gaines, I. H. Brown, H. O. Horne, F. M. Breland, E. W. Breland. I. M. Bryant, J. M. Chipman, Geo. P. Clarke.

Reports of committees were then taken up:

QUERIES AND REQUESTS—The report was read by the chairman, and was unanimously adopted. Appendix A.

PUBLICATIONS—The report was read by J. E. Graham. Discussed by Wm. Graham, J. W. Arnold, W. B. Sansing, T. J. Moore and N. L. Clarke; and then adopted. Appendix B.

NOMINATIONS—Report was read by R. L. Simmons, after which it was adopted. Appendix C.

STATE OF RELIGION, AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CHURCHES—The report was read by Elder N. L. Clarke, and motion unanimously adopted. (See first page,)

MISSIONS—The report was read by Elder W. B. Sansing, and after a spirited discussion by the following brethren: H. Bruce, R. K. Cleveland, H. O. White, D. M. Stroud, Jas. E. Chapman, T. J. Moore, W. L. Collins, W. J. Bruner, M. F. Mann and N. L. Clarke, was recommitted.

On motion, the moderator, R. K. Cleveland, and T. J. Moore were added to the committee, and were requested to report in the afternoon.

On motion, adjourned one hour for dinner, which was served in abundance.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

After refreshments, the Association was again called to order by the Moderator. The report on Missions was again taken up, and, read by W. B. Sansing, was adopted as amended. Appendix D.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS—The report was read by F. M. Breland. Remarks by T. J. Moore, and on motion was adopted. Appendix E.

EDUCATION—Report was read by M. F. Mann, and on motion

was adopted. Appendix F.

TEMPERANCE—Report was read by G. P. Clarke. Discussed by D. M. Stroud, W. P. Vaughn, H. Bruce, and T. J. Moore; it was unanimsusly adopted. Appendix G.

ORPHANAGE—Report was read by Geo. P. Clarke and unanimously adopted. A collection was taken amounting to $12:10. Appendix H.

OBITUARIES—The report was read by R. K. Cleveland, and was unanimously adopted. Appendix I.

FINANCE—The report was read by J. M. Lyles and adopted. Appendix J.

The reports of committees being completed, other business was called for, when the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved 1st. That the Abstracts of Faith, Gospel Order, Objects and Powers, and Rules of Decorum of this Association be published in the Minutes, and this resolution be made permanent for the future.

2nd. That the pastors and delegates to this Association be requested to bring the subject of missions before their churches, and urge them to represent themselves by delegation and funds in the General Association.

3rd. That the Clerk be instructed to have the minutes of this meeting printed where he can get them the most neatly and promptly done, paying for the same when so done and he approves the work, and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the Treasurer for his usual salary, $20.00, printer's fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number copies for distribution.

4th. All money on hand for ministerial education be forwarded by the Treasurer to Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi.

5th. All funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, after all expenses have been met, shall be sent up to the General Association for Missions.

6th. That we most heartily tender our sincere thanks to the Sardis Church and community at large for their kind and generous entertainment of this Association during this session.

7th. That we now adjourn to meet with Rock Branch Church, Newton county, Miss., on Saturday before the third Lord's Day in September 1903. Elder W. H. Rainer to preach the introductory sermon, with Elder J. W. Arnold as alternate. Elder H. Bruce to preach the sermon on missions, and Elder W. P. Vaughn

alternate.

While singing "How Firm a Foundation" &c. the parting hand was taken amid much tenderness; thus closing, as we hope, a profitable session. Closing prayer by Elder T. J. Moore.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator

JAS. E. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

APPENDICES.

Querries and Requests.—A.

We your committee would submit the following report: We find no querries, but four requests. One from Hopewell church asking for a letter of dismission from the body. And three; Poplar, New Ireland and Rock Branch, asking for the next meeting of this Association. We recommend that Hopewell's request be granted. We recommend Rock Branch as the place for the next meeting of the Association.

Respectfully Submitted, Jas. E. Chapman, Chairman.

Publications—B

We, your committee on Publication, submit the following: That in this progressive age the press is a great power in our country for doing good. We would first of all recommend our beloved Mississippi Baptist, published at Newton, Miss., by Elders N. L. Clarke and W. B. Sansing, which is the organ of the General Association. We feel the paper is doing much good in the education of our people in our faith and practice. We urge our people to support it with their prayers and means, so that it may become a greater power for good in our country, but especially in the bounds of the General Association. in educating our people in every good word and work. We further recommend The Baptist, published at Jackson, Miss., as being sound in the faith, and worthy of our support.

Respectfully Submitted, J. E. Graham, Chairman.

Nominations—C

We, your committee, would submit the following: That W. H. Rainer preach the next introductory sermon on Saturday, with Elder J. W. Arnold as his alternate. That Elder H. Bruce preach the next sermon on Missions on Sunday, and that W. P. Vaughn be his alternate.

Submitted. R. L. Simmons, Chairman.

Missions - D

Your committee would submit the following: It is with gratification that we behold the grand work of our Missionaries among the heathen. Look at India, China, Africa, Italy and Brazil. What do we see? Thousands of men and women turning to God. Then look at that Priest-ridden country, Mexico, and see what our own missionaries, Chastain and Watkins, have and are yet doing. Large numbers of grand and noble Mexicans have abandoned Catholicism and have embraced Christianity. Their religious enthusiasm is so great that some have gone so far asone hundred miles on horse back to purchase a copy of the Bible and numbers of them ride scores of miles to hear the Gospel preached.

To the church of Christ belongs the duty of sending the Gospel, and in the salvation of the heathen the church must take the initial step. Christ did all that was necessary for him to do, viz: fulfilled the law, organized His church and sent the Holy Spirit to accompany and influence His people; and then left the Gospel with the church, saying: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, etc," and He says that that "Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes" it

The One who commanded us to repent and be baptized, also commanded us to spread the Gospel. Every christian who refuses to give of his means is not doing his full duty. The church has the keys of the Kingdom, and what she binds on earth will be bound in heaven, and what she looses on earth will be loosed in heaven. Brethren, if we bind the Gospel, and refuse to send it to the heathens, they will die in their sins and go to hell. But if we loose it, and they believe upon Christ, they shall be saved. If we love Christ and the souls of men as we should, we will contribute to missions.

We have been, and are yet, doing a grand and noble work. Some are giving their means and others their lives for the cause. But we are not doing as much as we could and should do. Until every Baptist in the General Association gives something, and according as he has prospered, we will fail to do our whole duty.

Brother preachers, if you do not preach missions to your congregations as often as you do any of the doctrines, you are not doing your full duty. Missions occupies just as prominent a position in the Bible as baptism or any other command from our Savior. Let us believe the whole Bible, and preach it as Christ would have us do, and then we can safely trust in His blessed promise.

May the Lord help us to do our whole duty.

W. B. Sansing, Chairman.
W. L. Collins,
W. J. Bruner,
E. M. Nelson,
D. M. Stroud.

Sunday-Schools—E.

We, your committee on Sunday-Schools, would make the following report; It is a sad fact indeed, that there is but little interest manifested in Sunday Schools in our midst. The training of children is of great importance, in as much as the early impressions are the most lasting.

The old adage says: "As the twig is bent the tree inclines." The Catholic priest says: "Give me the child, and I will risk the man." The Word tells us, "To bring up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," Then again, "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Parents often manifest more interest in the temporal welfare of their children than for their Spiritual; they feed the body but starve the soul. A great multitude of the children in our country attend no Sunday-School. They are idling about home or gathering at street corners, listening to vile yarns and profanity, or hidden in some den of iniquity, there being instructed in the evil ways of the world. If the great principles that we as a Baptist people contend for have been or are worth anything to the world, we should teach them to our children from their youth up. We recommend that Sabbath Schools be organized in all of our churches and communities, and that these be under the control of the churches, and none but christian teachers be employed. We further recommend a return to the use of the Bible in our Sunday-Schools, and if anything further is needed or desired, we recommend the use of the literature published by the S. S. Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn.

Submitted, F. M. Breland, Chairman.

Education F

We, your committee, beg to submit the following: Education means discipline. It is the exercise and development of the powers of the mind. This may be done in the halls of learning, but is more often done in the conflicts of life. God has given us minds that are capable of indefinite improvement, and He has placed us in circumstances peculiarly favorable for making such

improvement, and this should inspire us with diligence in mounting the shining source before us, He points us to an endless existence beyond the grave. Exercise is as much necessary for the development of the mind as the body. Who wins? Who is he who after a long siege, and hard fought battle live, and wear the victor's wreath? It is he who has gone through the fire, and smoke of the conflict to victory. Dr. Franklin said, "If a man empties his purse into his head no man can take it from him, and that an investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." Store houses may cousume, banks totter, and riches flee, but the investment you make in knowledge will be perpetually unfailing as the constant flow of the Niagara or Amazon. however constant the draft upon it. King Solomon says that wisdom is better than gold; yea much fine gold. Those intellectually strong men and women, who have left their influence upon the pages of history, almost without exception, are found to be those who made broad and deep acquirements. Education unlocks the store house of creation, and lays the four corners of the world under contribution for our benefit. Education arouses us to a sense of duty, and duty causes an honest person to exert himself for the uplifting of his fellowmen. As to ministerial education, we think that the time has come that the demand is greater than ever before. We think the minister should be prepared for the work which he feels the Lord has called him to do, to that extent he may be able to meet the demands of the time.

We urge upon the ministers the necessity of thoroughly informing themselves so that they may be able to meet the wants of the people, and should they feel impressed to go to school, we should bid them God speed and help them with our prayers and means if necessary. We urge the resolution adopted by the Association last year be complied with.

Resolution: That this Association request the pastors of the churches to advocate the importance of ministerial education; and that contributions be taken, and sent up to this body for the above named purpose.

Submitted, J. W. Arnold, Chairman.

Temperance. G.

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following: When we review the past, say for the last thirty years, and note the great improvements in the morals of our country, due to the decline in the liquor traffic, we are constrained to thank God, and take courage for the future.

Profanity is now seldom heard in public among respectable peo-

ple, and to be found intoxicated is to be considered disreputable. There are other features which we have not space to mention. When we note the above, it is strange that any one, especially a Christian, should say that open saloons would be preferable to the present condition of things in that line. No, let us fight the saloons with all our powers; and God forbid that they ever be established in our country again. Of course we all know that there are evils connected with the illicit sale of liquors, known as "blind tigers," that do not come from the open saloon. The "blind tiger" is one of the devil's choicest schemes for the ruin of both soul and body of the youth of the country. from the fact that they cause them to become familiar with the violation of the laws of God and of the land, by encouraging the illicit sale of liquors, and then by perjuring their own souls in order to shield these disreputable venders of the soul destroying beverage. This is no exaggeration, and we call upon our brethren and friends to think how great the danger to which their boys are exposed, and fight it to the bitter end. There is much more we could say, but deem this sufficient.

Submitted, J. W. Arnold, Chairman.

Orphanage—H.

We, your committee on the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., ask leave to report the following: We feel the work of caring for the desolate orphans of our country is one that is honoring to God and to our common community; and those who have devoted their lives to this work should have our most hearty sympathy and co-operation. In this connection we would call special attention to the Baptist Orphanage conducted by Bro. L. S. Foster and his wife at Jackson, Miss., and would recommend all to give aid with their means and prayers.

Submitted, G. P. Clarke, Chairman.

Obituaries—I.

Your committee on Obituaries submit the following report. Death has again visited our ranks and claimed for its victims some of our most useful and beloved brethren; among whom we mention the name of Elder J. M. Moore, who has labored so long and so earnestly among us. Bro. Moore was born in the state of Georgia, May 22nd, 1833. He moved from that state to Mississippi in 1865. Joined the Baptist church at Middle River, near Carnesville, Ga., in the year 1856. He was licensed to preach at Henry's Church in 1863; but was ordained at County Line Church, Neshoba county, Mississippi, in 1867 by Elders N. L. Clarke and L. P.

Murrell as presbytery. We believe Bro. Moore to have been a true Gospel preacher, ever declaiming the whole counsel of God. He did not fail to note those peculiarities that distinguish God's people from all others. We feel that the Master's cause has been much advanced, by his labors, in the bounds of the Mt. Pisgah Association, and especially in north Newton and southern Nesho- counties. where he made his home.

Therefore we would say to his loved ones left behind, to sorrow not as those who have no hope, for our loss is his eternal gain. When God's love prompts us to go to his grave, we will thank God that he lived.

Another name we wish to mention is that of Elder T. M. Gould, whom we learned to love by Christian association. He labored under disadvantage, by the loss of a limb in the civil war. But he was faithful to God and his cause. Therefore we bow in humble submission to the will of God, feeling that He doeth all things well.

Submitted, R. K. Cleveland, Chairman.

Finance—J.

Your committee submit the following: We have examined the Treasurer's report, and find that he received at the Association last year, and amount on hand from other sources $160.35
Disbursements 161.10

Received at this meeting, Association fund $97.50
Ministerial Education 7.00
Collected on Lord's day for Missions 40.50
Baptist Orphanage Monday 12.10

Total $157.10

Respectfully submitted, J. M. Lyles, Chairmen,
E. J. Jones,
J. K. Jordan.

Ordained Ministers and Their Post Office.

J. W. Arnold	Stamper	J. A. Johnston	Waldo
H. Bruce	Keenan	Jesse Nelson	Jewel
W. J. Bruner	Newton	W. H. Rainer	Moores Mill
F. M. Breland	Dixon	B. W. Rainer	Moores Mill
N. L. Clarke	Newton	Joe Rushing	Malco
R. K. Cleveland	Union	T. J. Rhodes	Doolittle
Jas. E. Chapman	Newton	J. H. Saterfield	Chunkey
W. A. Coker	Baxter	D. M. Stroud	Lake
W. L. Collins	Union	W. B. Sansing	Newton
R. L. Herrington	Centralia	W. P. Vaugh	Chunkey
W. B. Hammond	Doolittle	H. O. White	Riversville
Wm. Yarbrough	Lawrence		

Licentiates.

G. W. Brantly	Sebastapool	John Rushing	Malco
N. A. Edmonds	Jewel	W. H. Willis	Prospect
J. G. Giles	Newton	Joseph White	Riversville
G. G. Rainer	Moores Mill		

The Following Was Reported To Have Been Paid Out During The Year.

Churches	County	Mission	Orphan Age	Minis Aid.	Minis. Ed.	Other Pur.	Pastors $	Total
Bethel	Newton	$114.10	30.30	33.90	7.00	8.00	65.50	258.80
Co. Line	Neshoba	37.00	8.00				60.00	45.00
Decatur	Newton	32.00				26.00		58.00
Hickory	Newton	40.00		43.30		15.00	137.50	235.80
Hebron	Newton	17.40					41.00	58.40
Lake	Scott	7.50	5.00	31.40	3.50	40.60	100.00	187.90
Liberty	Newton	15.15	3.40	12.25		250.00	47.75	328.55
N Prospect	Newton						50.00	50.00
N Pr'vid'ce	Newton	5.50						5.50
Pleasant H	Newton	30.65	6.80	21.35		8.60	64.75	132.15
Poplar	Newton	3.00				4.00		7.00
R'ck Br'ch	Newton	20.00						20.00
Salem	Scott	16.15	7.30	8.50		45.00	48.00	124.95
Sulphur S	Scott			11.20				11.20
Stamper	Newton						27.00	27.00
Union	Newton	23.35	1.75	1.75			30.00	56.85

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	.75	132.15
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		20.00
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	.00	56.85

ABSTRACTS of FAITH---Preamble.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association up the following priciples viz:

1 We believe in one Triune God, the Father. the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2 We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testment were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3 We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4 We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love, that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5 We believe there is one mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus–who. by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousnees to every one that believeth.

6 We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey,

7 We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8 We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9 We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1 We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to one Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament,

2 We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His Church; that the government is with the body, the

church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3 We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4 We believe that the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist ministers.

5 We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6 We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7 We believe that it is a duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8 We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her commuion every member that is immoral in conduct. or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION

1 This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possess the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2 The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general to advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3 With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4 This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5 Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6 The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7 The Association may adjourn to any time and place they

think proper.

8 The Association shall keep a record of their pooceeding, and have them printed when necessary.

9 The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all monies which shall come into his hands for theuse of the Association.

10 The Association may form their own By-Laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1 This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectfully belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association

2 Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3 They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4 This Association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices.

5 If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognized them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6 Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall exceed one hundren—three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7 The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8 Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9 Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes unlessed so order at the time.

10 If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divideed at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11 Only one member shall speak at the same time who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine him-

self to the subject properly in debate cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12 No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13 The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14 The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided witout delay.

25 A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16 Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator subject to the approval of the Association.

17 There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18 No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19 The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over when necessarry.

20 The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.

21 A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22 The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23 The rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24 The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTY	POST OFFICE	NAMES OF DELEGATES-1902
Bethany	Neshoba	Franks	[J E Chapman
Bethel	Newton	Newton	J M Lyles R L Simmons
Beulah	"	Roscoe	H O White J L Harrison J E Graham [monds
County Line	Neshoba	Union	W B Sansing N A Ed-
Concord	Jasper	Garlandville	
Cross Roads	Newton	Cornelia	M F Mann
Center Ridge	"	Moores Mill	B W Rainer
Chunkey	"	Chunkey	By Letter
Decatur	"	Decatur	H Bruce T L Gaines G P Clarke J K Jordan
De Ceder	Jasper	Success	By Letter
Dixon	Neshoba	Dixon	J M Cooper R L White
Enon	Neshoba	Engine	F B Grice G B Bxtes
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	E M Nelson
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Beech Sprs.	J P Brantly R W Brantly
Ephesus	Scott	Forest	B A Myers M P Warren
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	By Letter
Good Hope	Scott	Lake	D M Stroud O Waltman
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	S S Johnson J A Brown
Hebron	"	Riversville	W O Taylor E A Cleveland
Hopewell	"	Roscoe	J F Huddleston J Chesney
Lake	Scott	Lake	J M Prestridge S Robinson
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Dixon	F M Breland
Midway	Newton	Newton	T J Rhodes E J Jones
Mt. Vernon	"	Hero	Joe Tisdale
Mt. Pleasant	"	Chunkey	J M Caldwell
New Prospect	"	Prospect	W H Willis J R C Pierce
New Hope	Neshoba	Centralia	J P Smith J M Chipman W W Rucker
New Hope	Scott	Lake	J T Gordy
Newton	Newton	Newton	N L Clarke
New Providence	"	Chunkey	W P Vaughn
New Ireland	"	Union	S B Barefoot S J Henry
Oakland	"	Moores Mill	C O Reynolds [W W Adams
Pleasant Hill	"	Conehatta	J E Bishoy W N Covington
Pinckney	"	Stamper	J W Arnold A J Gordan
Poplar Springs	"	Newton	W J Bruner W H Welsh [monds
Prairie Concord	"	"	H C Williams W B Ham-
Pine Bluff	"	Lake	G F Williams A Cables
Pine Ridge	"	Cooksey	I M Bryant J S Edwards
Poplar	"	Union	R K Cleveland W L Collins
Rock Branch	Jasper	Baxter	B F James
Randal Hill	Scott	Gail	Willie Graham I M Nichols
Salem	"	Hayes	R H Amis
Sulphur Springs	Newton	Hickory	C C Bradley C L Creighton
Sand Spring	Scott	Sebastapool	O L Easom Whit Brantly
Sardis	Newton	Stamper	H O Horne E M Atkinson
Stamper	"	Union	L S James J M Smith
Union	Scott	Harperville	L W and B S Townsend
Union	Neshoba	Waldo	J A Grafton
Woodland	Newton	Newton	R B Lay
Liberty			

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CHURCHES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Males	Females	Total	No. Minutes	Associational Fund	Time of Meeting	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	PASTORS
Bethel	32	1		7		2	60	65	125	30	3.80	2	1		Jas E Chapman
Bethany															
Beulah	1			12	1	1	51	83	134	40	4.00	1	1	1	H O White
County Line	3	2	1	12	2	2	34	51	85	25	3.10	4	2	1	G W Breland
Concord															
Cross Roads	1	1					22	21	43	15	2.00	4			* J M Moore
Center Ridge						1	19	21	40	10	1.00	3	2	1	W H Rainer
Chunkey	1	7		5		2	29	37	66	15	2.75	2			J W Ellis
Decatur	10	4		2		2	71	86	157	50	4.00	2	1		N L Clarke
DeCeder	4				1		20	22	42	10	1.00	1			N L Carlisle
Dixon	9	1	1	1			15	19	34	10	1.00	1			J M Moore
Enon	9	5	3	4		3	38	58	96	36	3.60	3			G W Breland
Ebenezer	3			7		1	16	38	54	15	1.50	3			Wm. Yarbrough
Ebenezer	4	2					17	15	32	15	2.15	2			J A Johston
Ephesus	2	8	1		4	2	24	35	59	15	1.50	1	1	1	Joe Rushing
Good Hope		5		2	1	1	14	18	32	15	1.50	2			W P Vaughn
Good Hope	5	2		4			13	22	35	10	1.00	3	1		W J Bruner
Hickory	19	4		2		1	37	57	94	30	3.00	3			Jas E Chapman
Hebron	4	6		12			26	26	52	13	1.25	2			R K Cleveland
Hopewell	6	1		1		2	30	32	62	15	1.40	2			H O White
Lake	2	2				2	11	19	30	15	1.50	1			W E Hathorn
Liberty	3	3		1			26	36	62	15	1.50	2			J E Chapman
Mt. Sinai	1		2	2	1	3	29	42	71	25	3.00	3	1		F M Breland
Midway	2						11	18	29	18	2.00	3	1		N L Clarke
Mt. Vernon	4	2		1	1	2	42	62	104	25	2.50	1			G W Rainer
Mt. Pleasant	5			4		2	21	47	68	15	1.50	2			J W Ellis
New Prospect							12	25	37	15	1.50	2		1	E W Breland
New Hope	1	7			3		58	69	127	35	3.65	4	1		F M Breland
New Hope				3		1	21	20	41	10	1.00	4			Wm. Yarbrough

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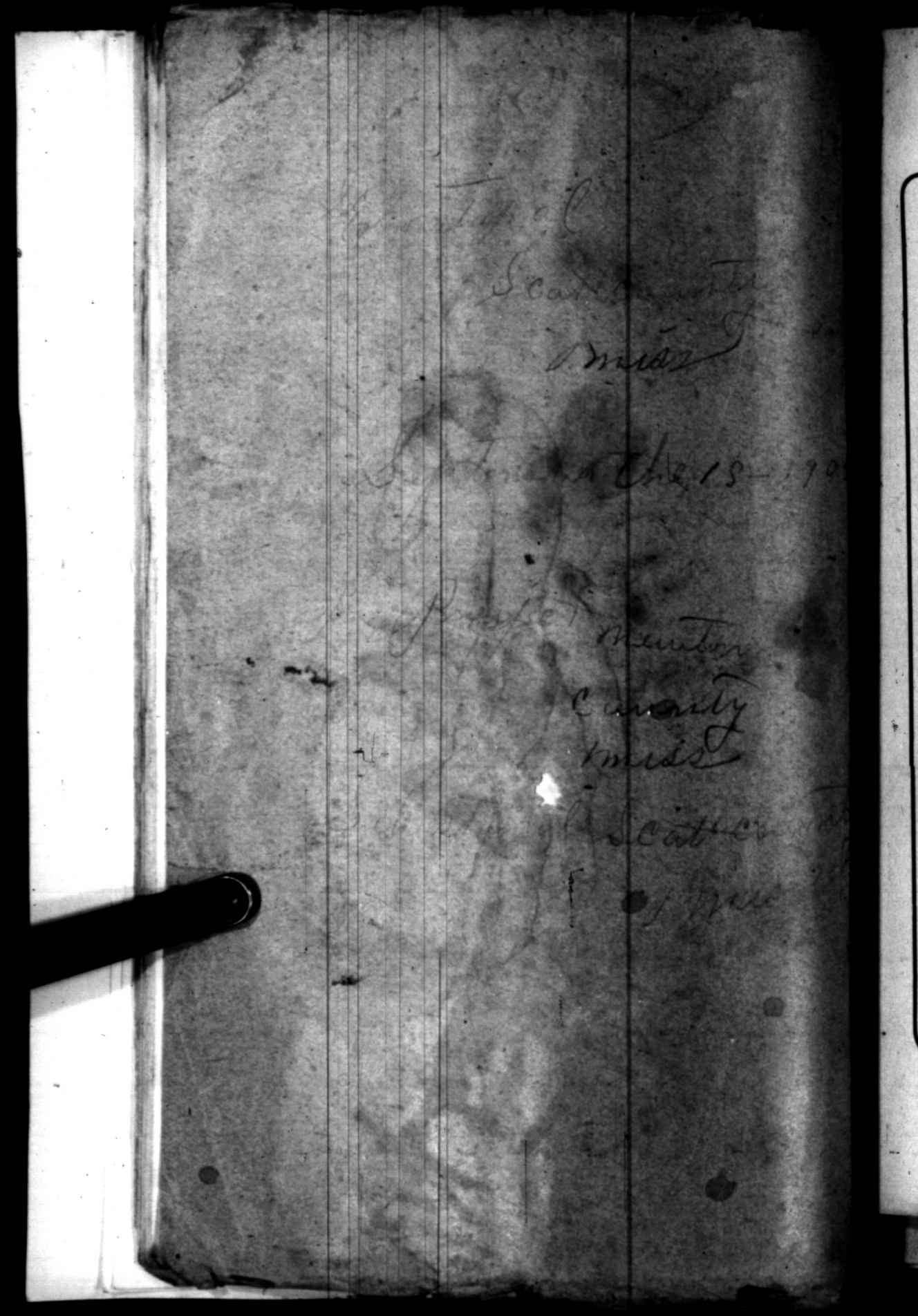
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Newton	3	2		1	1	2	31	37	68	25	2.50	4	1		N L Clarke
Ne Providence		1		2			19	19	38	8	.80	3	2	1	W P Vaughn
New Ireland	3		2	3	1		24	15	39	20	2.00	1			J W Arnold
Oaklan	5	3		1		2	29	35	64	20	2.00				W L Collins
Pleasant Hill	14	2		5			46	70	116	30	3.00	1			Jas E Chapman
Pinckney		3		1			12	17	29	15	1.50	4	1		J W Arnold
Poplar Springs	11	1	2	9	3		45	93	138	30	3.00	2	2		W J Bruner
Prairie Concord															
Pine Bluff	2			8			27	43	70	25	2.50	1	1		Wm. Yarbrough
Pine Ridge		2		3	3	3	15	34	49	10	1.00	2			Wm. Yarbrough
Poplar		2					18	16	44	20	2.00	3			J W Arnold
Randal Hill		2		1		1	14	24	38	10	1.00	4	1		N L Carlilse
Rock Branch		3		6		1	24	43	67	20	2.00	3	2		R K Cleveland
Salem	4	1		1		2	11	22	33	15	1.50	4			Jas E Chapman
Sulphur Springs			1	2	2	1	32	35	67	25	2.50	3			E W Breland
Sand Springs		2		10			47	30	77	15	1.45	1			H Bruce
Sardis	4		1	2	6	1	26	30	56	15	1.50	1		1	E W Breland
Stamper		2			1		12	19	31	12	1.25	3			J M Moore
Union	2	1		4			17	22	39	20	2.00	1			J M Moore
Union				4			16	21	37	15	5.00	2		1	J H Grundy
Woodland	2			2			10	12	22	12	1.00	4	1		J A Johnston
Totals	189	90	15	142	31	43	1242	1771	3013	904	97.50		23	8